(i) Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project at Kayamkulam (350 MW) of NTPC.

(ii) Eloor Gas Power Station, Kochi (174 MW) of BSES Kerala Power Ltd.

(b) From July, 2005 onwards, because of withdrawal of excise duty exemption, the naphtha prices have gone up by about 16%.

(c) to (e) Ministry of Power have recommended to Department of Revenue for continuation of exemption of excise duty/CVD on naphtha available to the notified power stations beyond 1st July, 2005.

Financial losses in power sector due to theft

1856. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial losses in power sector had risen from Rs. 3000 Crores in 1991-92 to Rs. 30,000 Crores in 2000-01 which has been mainly attributed to power theft; and

(b) the details of cases of power theft detected in India last year?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) According to the Annual Report (2001 -02) on the working of State Electricity Boards and Electricity Departments published by the Planning Commission, the commercial losses (without subsidy) of the State Power Utilities increased from Rs. 4560 crores in 1992-93 to Rs. 25259 Crores in 2001-02.

Irrational tariff structure, poor collection efficiency, high technical and commercial losses (including theft) and low level of metering of the consumers are the important reasons for these losses.

(b) Number of cases of theft of electricity detected in various States, as per the information available so far, is given in enclosed Statement.

Statement

State-wise Number of cases of theft of electricity detected

SI. No.	States	No. of cases detected
1.	Andhra Pradesh	342620
2.	Assam	NA
3.	Bihar	NA
4.	Chhattisgarh	NA
5.	Delhi	NA
6,	Goa	30
7.	Gujarat	48510
8.	Haryana	30350
9.	Himachal Pradesh	239
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	NA
11.	Jharkhand	3846
12.	Karnataka	26606
13.	Kerala	3195
14.	Madhya Pradesh	271094
15.	Maharashtra	15288
16.	Orissa	NA
17.	Punjab	195641
18.	Rajasthan	9408
19.	Tamil Nadu	209112
20.	Uttar Pradesh	NA
21.	West Bengal	2348
22.	Uttaranchal	109